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SUBJECT:NATIONAL DAY GREETINGS TO NIGERIAN COMMISSIONER
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS GARBA

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE APPROVED BY
THE SECRETARY: QUOTE: DEAR MR. COMMISSIONER: THE SIX-
TEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF NIGERIAN INDEPENDENCE IS AN OCCASION
ON WHICH YOU AND ALL NIGERIANS CAN TAKE PRIDE IN THE
ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND POTENTIAL OF YOUR NATION. ON THIS
OCCASION, I CONGRATULATE YOU AND YOUR NATION AND EXPRESS
THE DESIRE THAT THE PATTERN OF REGULAR MEETINGS AND CON-
SULTATION WHICH WE HAVE BOTH TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO CREATE
WILL CONTINUE AND WILL RESULT IN CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN
OUR TWO NATIONS. BEST REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. UNQUOTE.

2. FOR USUN: DELIVER THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE NO LATER THAN
COB TODAY OCTOBER 1 TO THE NIGERIAN MISSION FOR GARBA.
MESSAGE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO BRIGADIER JOSEPH N. GARBA,
COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
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NIGERIA. FYI, PRESIDENT FORD HAS ALREADY SENT NATIONAL

DAY GREETINGS TO NIGERIAN HEAD OF STATE OBASANJO.

3. FOR LAGOS: TEXT OF THE MESSAGE MAY BE SHARED WITH
FMG IN LAGOS AT YOUR DISCRETION SO LONG AS YOU EXPLAIN
THAT ORIGINAL BEING DELIVERED TO GARBA BY USUN IN NEW
YORK.

4. FOR BOTH ADDRESSEES: DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE
THIS MESSAGE TO THE PRESS BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF FMG
WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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